GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Chronic and Acute Hearing Loss
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of adult persons and children suffering from chronic and acute hearing loss in rural and urban areas of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps/proposes to take steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any pilot programme for healthcare professionals for prevention and control of deafness and medical awareness has been launched, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGEN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): According to the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 58th Round (2002), 291 persons per lakh population were hearing disabled in India. The State/UT-wise number of adult persons and children suffering from chronic and acute hearing loss in the rural and urban area of country is not maintained centrally. However, the number of deaf/hearing impaired persons per one lakh persons in the rural and urban areas State/UT-wise is at Annexure.
(b): The Government has launched National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness(NPPCD) on pilot mode in January, 2007. The funds and approvals have been given under this programme for implementation in 336 districts under the 12th Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.304.79 crore. The components of the programme are:-
(i) Manpower placement and training.
(ii) Capacity building of district level hospitals by providing manpower, training and equipments and enhancement of specific services for hearing impaired persons.
(iii) Service provision.
(iv) Awareness generation through Information, Education & Communication(IEC)/Behavior Change Communication(BCC) activities about NPPCD.
(v) Monitoring and supervision.
(c) & (d): No.
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